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Join the Phase III dig at Historic Christ
Church starting September 2006!



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Historic Christ Church



A Special Public Archaeological Program

September 19-21, 2006

Foundation for Historic Christ Church

Irvington, Virginia

ABOUT THE EXCAVATIONS

In July 1670, John Carter II delivered to the vestry of Christ Church Parish the first church constructed on the site of Christ Church. Believed to have been a frame building, the church was built under the direction of John's father, John Carter I, who died six months before its completion.

The church would last until about 1730, when Robert "King" Carter, son of John I and half-brother to John II, began construction on the magnificent brick church that stands on the site today. Given the liberty to use whatever he wanted from the old church, Robert Carter likely dismantled the building as work started on his brick church. Little else, however, is known about the 1670 church. The parish's first vestry book, which no doubt discussed the building in some detail, disappeared circa 1840, leaving behind many unanswered questions.

A Phase II excavation (44LA55) carried out in October 2005 uncovered tantalizing clues about the site and its evolution over the past 350 years. In particular, post holes and trenches from areas east of the brick church date from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries and may provide evidence of the 1670 church and the churchyard landscaping in the early years of Christ Church.

The Phase III excavations will expand on these features to understand their shape, dimensions, and function and what relationship they may have to the 1670 church. The research also seeks to uncover more evidence of Native American pottery and early architectural debris to learn about the site as it moved from a small Cuttatwomen Indian settlement to a churchyard of the established Church of England. Come be a part of this exciting dig!

PROGRAM ITINERARY

DAY 1: Introduction & Excavations at HCC

- 8:30-9:00 "Archaeology at Historic Christ Church: An Introduction to the Site"
Robert Teagle, Education Director, HCC
Thane Harpole, Lead Archaeologist
- 9:00-12:00 Excavations at HCC
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch in churchyard
- 1:00-3:00 Excavations at HCC
- 5:00-7:00 Reception & Dinner
- 7:00-8:30 "Archaeology in the King's Realm: The Dig at Corotoman"
Dr. Carter Hudgins, U. Mary Washington
Director, 1970's Corotoman Excavations

DAY 2: Excavations & Corotoman Trip

- 9:00-12:00 Excavations at HCC
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch in churchyard
- 1:00-2:00 Tour of Corotoman Site
Home of Robert "King" Carter
- 2:00-4:00 Excavations at HCC
- 4:00 Program Wrap-Up

DAY 3: Optional Day Trip to Fairfield, Rosewell, & Historic Jamestowne

- 8:00 Depart Christ Church for Gloucester Co.
- 9:00-11:00 Tour Rosewell & Fairfield Arch. Site
- 11:30-12:45 Lunch at Riverwalk Landing, Yorktown
- 1:00-4:00 Tour Historic Jamestowne
Excavation Sites & Archaearium
- 5:30 Return to Christ Church






HOW TO REGISTER

Days 1 and 2 are limited to 15 participants due to the size of the site and nature of the archaeological work. Day 3 is open to those who participate in Days 1-2 as well as any other interested persons.

To register or for more information:
Robert Teagle, Education Director
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Registration Fee: \$150 per person

Your registration fee includes the following:

-  Two days of excavations
-  Four dig sessions with archaeologists
-  Special guest lectures and VIP tours
-  Two lunches and one dinner reception
-  Program materials and supplies

Optional Trip to Fairfield/Jamestowne:
Additional \$50 per person

Includes travel; VIP tours of Fairfield, Rosewell & Jamestowne archaeological sites; and lunch at Riverwalk Landing in Historic Yorktown.

www.apva.org
www.fairfieldfoundation.org
www.riverwalkrestaurant.net
www.rosewell.org